

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

San Francisco, Dec 22 1873

Prof. Dr. Asa Gray, Cambridge.

Dear Sir:

Your favor was received last night. My sincere thanks for the communication.

Breweria suffruticosa

This new plant occurs in great abundance near Cisco, on small barren plains, closely joining the South fork of Yuba river. It also occurs most abundantly between Truckee and Donner Lake on similar barren plains. These small level plains are made up of disintegrated granite which forms a loose gravelly soil. The plant's growth is singular; it forms masy semicircular or sometimes circular tufts, having one or two feet in diameter. The center is usually free of all vegetation. The cauline leaves form dense tufts and the stalks

rise in great numbers among them.
The flowers are greenish white and in
great profusion. It has in every respect
the habit of a fine border plant.
The lower part of the stem is woody, bearing
tufts of leaves a little above ground.

The difference of altitude between the two
places cannot be very great.

Sent yesterday by mail Vol III
of the Proceedings of Cal. Academy,
for Mr. Watson.

Yours
most respectfully
Henry A. Bolander.